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## GOV. EASLEY REMEMBERS VICTIMS AND HEROES OF 9-11

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today released the following statement in commemoration of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy:

"Americans will never forget the heartache we experienced on September 11, 2001 when our sense of security, power and stability was dismantled by tragedy.

"Today and every day we must remember and honor those who lost their lives on 9/11 as well as the many brave men and women in the military who have given their lives fighting for our country. These memories remind us of the pillars upon which America still stands: freedom, compassion and courage.

"Especially during this election year, we should recognize and celebrate all we have fought for and all we have done together to make this country great.

"We have the freedom to choose our leaders.

"We have the compassion which drives us to provide opportunity for all people."

"And we have the courage to rise from the ashes with renewed commitment to keeping our promise to give a better future to our children and the many generations to follow.

"We must be proud of how far we have come in seven years. America and her people are stronger. We have shown resilience in every challenge. And year after year we will prove that no one can take our pride or our spirit away."

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